

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

survey NO. ² 68-4-7

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Dunn's Corner

2. Location

street & number 4700-04 Riverdale Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Riverdale ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Pete and Joan Spiropoulosstreet & number telephone no.:city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse 185
liberstreet & number 14735 Main Street folio 518city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This building stands on the corner of Riverdale Road and Lafayette, on one of the original lots of the 1890s subdivision of Riverdale Park. It is a rectangular, two-story brick building with a flat roof. It is a commercial building with a corner store, a restaurant and apartments on the second floor. There are three entrance doors; one for the store, one for the restaurant, and one leading to the upper floor.

The building is yellow brick in a running pattern with a vertical pattern both above and below the windows. There are four, 1/1 windows on the second floor of the west facade, six, 1/1 on the south, and four on the east.

The facade on the first floor of 4700 Riverdale Road is a newer addition with painted brick, panelled glass and a gable roof. There are two sections of this addition: one spanning from the front around the corner to the west, and the other to the east of the entrance. The original exterior brick corners are still present, standing just inside the addition. There are now concrete stairs and a wheel chair ramp leading to the entrance of 4704 Riverdale Road. There are two, 1/1 windows on the first floor front of the building. Various signs are displayed on the windows, on the awning over 4704 Riverdale Road, and on the shingled roof of the exterior facade. The ceiling in the interior of 4700 is of tin plate, decorated in a diamond motif. There is a contrasting pattern at each joint of the ceiling.

On the lot adjacent to the building is a carriage garage of another era. There are four double doors on the south side. It is made of concrete with a wooden gable and shingled roof. The buildings front Riverdale Road next to the railroad track, and are one and a half blocks from the Calvert Mansion.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1930s Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This building is a good example of the brick-front store found in the early to mid-1900s. It is typical in that its plan contains a ground-level store facility and apartment space on the second floor. It is located at the intersection of two street, directly across from the Riverdale railroad tracts.

The land on which this building stands was part of the Riversdale plantation. In 1801, Henri Joseph Stier, a Belgian nobleman who emigrated to the United States during the French Revolution, purchased 800 acres of land in Prince George's County.

Stier began construction of a mansion, which was the nucleus of his plantation. He later deeded the plantation and the mansion to his daughter, Rosalie and her husband, George Calvert, a descendent of Lord Baltimore. The plantation remained in the Calvert family until the death of George and Rosalie's son, Charles Benedict Calvert, in 1864. The land was then divided among his heirs.

In June 1887, Charles Baltimore Calvert sold 300 acres including the mansion, Riversdale, to John Fox and Alexander Lutz of New York City. Two days later, George Calvert, Jr. sold 174 1/2 acres of his inheritance ot Fox and Lutz. Alexander Lutz subsequently sold all of his property to John Fox, who in November of 1889, sold the 474 1/2 acres to the Riverdale Park Company, of which he was President. The mansion was formed for the purpose of maintaining this tract of land.

¹ Pearl, Susan, A Historical Structures Report, The Maryland-Natinal Capital Park and Planning Commission, 1979.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Gottfried, Herbert and Jennings, Jan, American Vernacular Design, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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state

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